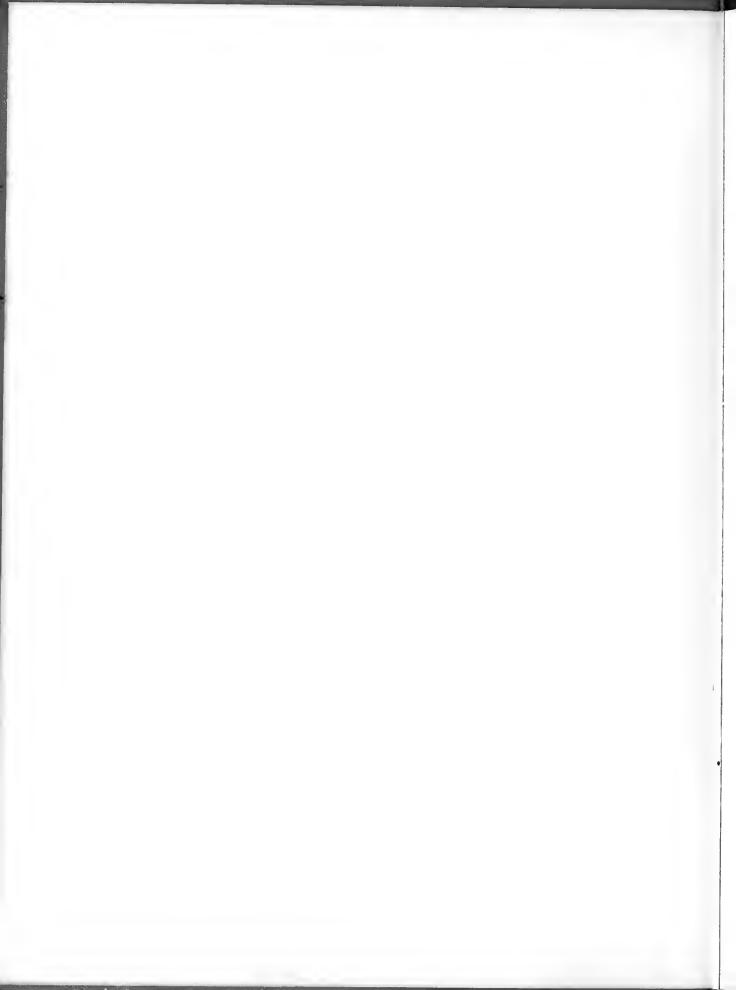


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Sacred Heart College knew her beginning in the minds

of two dedicated men . . .



RT. REV. JAMES GIBBONS

On Aug. 16, 1868 Right Rev. James Gibbons was consecrated in Baltimore and installed at Wilmington as Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina by his Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Spalding.

On the 20th of September, 1869 three Sisters of our Lady of Mercy, with the sanction of Rt. Rev. P. N. Lynch, Bishop of Charleston, set out from their Mother House in Charleston to start a convent in Wilmington, N. C. at the request and under the auspices of Rt. Rev. James Gibbons, Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina.

and her growth in the dedication of those to come . . .

In 1872 Rev. J. J. O'Connell purchased the Calwell plantation and "Conveyed it to the Right Rev. Gibbons by a deed for the establishment of a religious and educational male institution" who negotiated immediately with the Benedictines of St. Vincent's, Westmoreland County, Pa.



RT. REV. LFO HAID

YESTERDAY...



"FORGET NOT THE ROCK FROM WHICH YOU WERE HEWN"

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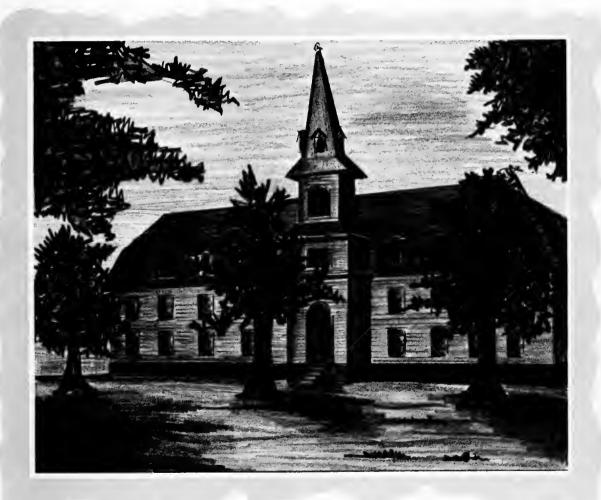


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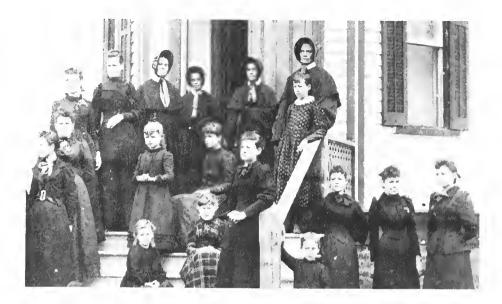
The Sisters arrived on June 27, 1893, "We got about noon to our convent of the Sacred Heart, seen by some of us for the first time. I was surprised to see so much accomplished in one year. Already a large handsome building."

"It has over 90 acres of good land, much of which is under cultivation. This convent and academy promise to become a lovely and attractive spot, the source and center of much good."

Sister Mary Charles Curtin



"1892 . . . SACRED HEART ACADEMY"



Sister M. Agatha Ryan Sister M. Claire Lockfaw Sister M. Catherine Price Sister M. Cecilia Cobb Students of 1892

On September 1, 1892, Sr. M. Catherine, Superior, and four other Sisters arrived to open the school. The first day of enrollment registered 12 boarders and nine day students. Mercedes was erected six years later. The school began primarily as a southern finishing school. The course emphasis was on music, art, literature, and dramatics.



SACRED HEART CAMPUS—1898



Sacred Heart students gathered on the front steps of the Academy with Rev. Felix Hintemeyer O.S.B., who was Chaplain from the beginning of Sacred Heart until his death in 1924.



Tennis in a starched blouse and petticoat, it's a good thing they played in the shade.



Mrs. Alice McKnight Ford attended Sacred Heart in it's first year, and her Granddaughter was a member of the last Academy graduating class.

Sacred Heart . . . 1947 Surrounded by farmland and dusty roads. Sacred was still there, awaiting the building of the Mother House, McAuley, Doyle and McCarthy Library.





"That good old horseless carriage."

TODAY...

"I am part of all that I have met,
Yet all experience is an arch where through
Gleams that untraveled world
Whose margin fades
Forever and forever
When I move."

'I am part of all that I have mat.
Yet all experience is an arch where it rough
Cleams that antiaveled world
Whose margin fades
Forever and forever
When I move "

Modern art interprets modern life: These two bulwarks represent Church and Society. The upward sweep represents the divinity in our lives: Blocks represent opportunities and failings. The glass shows that the autonomous person must "see through" to their true meaning, through wisdom—the product of education fused with christian awareness...





SACRED HEART



COLLEGE...1968



Hard work



Homework





No work









Work...







Relax...







Study...



A living sense of community has a great influence on the lives of the people within that community. Several Community and "Folk" Masses were organized this year to strengthen this spirit during the celebration of the Mass.

The aim of "Project: Better World". (the title of the Soph.'s retreat) was also to initiate this same spirit, not only in the church, but also in our neighborhood, and in our world.



Pray...

All through the days...





And far into the nights...







His Excellency Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D. D. Bishop of Raleigh





MOTHER MARY BENIGNUS HOBAN
Superior of
The Sisters of Mercy
Belmont, North Carolina

Mother Benignus has given progressive leadership in the Implementation of the Documents of Vatican II to the Sisters of Mercy of Belmont according to the mind of the Church.



To The Class of 1968...



Sacred Heart College is celebrating this year its 75th anniversary. In 1892, five sisters and 20 students came to Belmont and formed the nucleus of an institution that has now a faculty of 40 sisters, priests and laymen. Like all older colleges, it has had a varied history. Begun in the late Victorian era, its purpose was somewhat that of a finishing school, offering the culture and refinement reminiscent of the period. In the 20's and 30's a formalized high school education became more of a necessity. In 1935 a junior college was opened to prepare students for a liberal arts education and an opportunity to go to senior college and graduate school. An important aspect of the junior college was the two year business courses. Three years ago the decision was made to begin a four year program. In the expanded programs, there will be no unnecessary duplication of course and majors offered by our brother college, Belmont Abbey. For the present Sacred Heart will offer majors in teacher education, art, music, and psychology and will add others as the program progresses. The two year business and medical related courses will be continued and improved. All students will have a background in the liberal arts and humanities.

Administration











Sister M. Stephen, R.S.M.

President of the College



Sister M. Gertrude, R.S.M. Director of Admissions



Sister M. Annette, R.S.M. Librarian



Sister M. Pauline, R.S.M. Director of Registration



Sister M. Bernard, R.S.M. Student Accounts





Sister M. Michel, R.S.M. Treasurer



Sister M. Matthew, R.S.M. Dean of Women





Sister M. Thomas, R.S.M. *Academic Dean*

Lecturer, Academic Advisor, and Friend, Sister Mary Thomas fills many roles enthusiastically and capably. She brings out the best in people by her sympathetic and practical understanding of any situation.









C O M MASS U N I T Y



A Sunday morning coffee break after the 8:00 Mass with Monsignor John Rouesche, pastor of Queen of Apostle's Church, Belmont, Uncle John and Bridgette McCarthy, Diane Bialkowski, Carol Owen, and Jo Fusco, who teach CCD School at Queen of Apostles.



Reverend James Solari, O.S. B.







Chaplain

Graduates 1968



Mary Linda Bennett Mount Pleasant, N. C.



Tampa, Florida



Ronnie Brophy Falls Church, Virginia



Annamarie Carracappa Gastonia, N. C.



Sharon Chiocca Richmond, Virginia



Rebecca Ann Crissey Richmond, Virginia



Lee Ann Cummings Bay Village, Ohio



Diana May English Flushing, New York



Nancy Jane Daunt Falls Church, Virginia



Diane Duval Charlotte, N. C.



Emily Louise Gallagher Hendersonville, N. C.



Donna Lynn Grenier Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts



Mary Catherine Green Fairview Park, Ohio



Rose Catherine Hatem New Bern, N. C.



Cynthia Ann Jackson Asbury Park, N. J.



Virginia Ann Kaufmann White Plains, New York



Patricia Alyce Lane Raleigh, N. C.



Francine Ann Kelly Brooklyn, New York



Eileen Ruth Kerrigan Arlington, Virginia



Lorraine Joyce Klar Glen Rock, N. J.



Nancy Jean Leonard Salisbury, N. C.



Maureen Catherine McIver Belmar, N. J.



Sharon Maria Mann Richmond, Va.



Phyllis Eloise McDonald Richmond, Virginia



Kerry Jo Middleton Jacksonville, Florida



Regina Sherrilyn O'Neill Charlotte, N. C.



Marguerite Ann Pons Newport News, Virginia



Mary Pat Morrow Jacksonville, Florida



Hazel Iona Pennington Tampa, Florida



Maura Dorothy Mylott Beachwood, Ohio



Mary Roberts Cleveland Heights, Ohio



Elizabeth Dockery Vail Rockingham, N. C.



Stephanie Lucy Ryan Scarsdale, New York



Margaret Mary Stewart Cleveland, Ohio



Susan Mary Trulio Ossining, New York

The remaining members of the Class of '68 will comprise the rising Junior Class of Sacred Heart College. Their photos appear in the Section of the Annual 'titles "To-Morrow".



Ellen Patricia Zapke Bon Air, Virginia



Kathleen Ann Wildey Springfield, Va.



Paula Elizabeth Womack Salisbury, N. C.



Eileen Marie O'Regan Freeport, New York



Christina Tichenor Glen Rock, New Jersey



Lois Christine Kingsbury San Pedro, California



Jane Elizabeth Dellavecchia Roslyn Heights, Long Island, New York



Shaker Heights, Ohio

Foreign Languages



Sr. M. Aquinas French



Mr. Fischer French



Spanish and
French on both
the elementary and
intermediate levels are offered.



Sister Michael Spanish

Sociology, History, Political Science, Philosophy



Father Francis Logic



Mr. B. R. Berry Philosophy

During Second Semster, Sociology was taught by a team of four.



Mr. Jerry Christian
History and Political Science



Sr. Annella Sociology

Anatomy, Chemistry Psychology, Biology,



Anatomy



St. Gertrude Psychology







Sr. Gertrude Anatomy



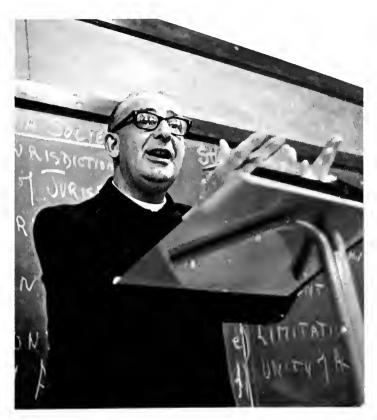
Sr. Jean Baptiste Chemistry







Secretarial
Science



Fr. Bertrand



Group Discussions



Lectures



Mr. Ed Driscoll

Theology





Mother Raymond, Head of the Home Ec. Department talks to Maria about her recipe

Home Economics







Math

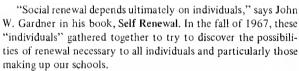
Sister Jean Baptiste, Trigonometry



a new happening Student Stress Weekend



Informal discussion by the fire.



Questions of communication, intellectuality, and general improvement were discussed quite freely among students, faculty, and administration.

Brother Gregory, O.S.B., who had attended a similar gathering during the past summer, returned to the Abbey campus, determined to initiate a Student Stress Weekend on both the Abbey and Sacred Heart Campuses.

There were approximately fifty representatives altogether, and every one of those fifty agreed at the final meeting that what they had attempted so far, had been successful, and the now visible future held much to be accomplished. Several beneficial changes have come about since then, and as long as self-renewal is sought, it is most likely several more will occur.



Brother Gregory opens the first meeting in a class-room at the 4-H camp in Reidsville, S. C.



Recreation began at 9:00 p.m.



In between meetings . . .









Doyle House Council

Debbie McBride	President
Jo Fusco	ce-President
Theresa Heffernan	Secretary
Terry Goodwin	Treasurer
Ronnie O'Reagan Soci	al Chairman

McAuley House Council

Theresa Kolanko	President
Patricia Mullaney	Vice-President
Paulette Williams	Treasurer
Margarita Martin	Social Chairman
Ivy Nolan	Counselor
Joan Duval	Counselor
Sister M. Fidelas	Advisor



HUMANITIES





"The contemporary world, in whatever century has always demanded, but never received contemporary education. The Humanities Program at Sacred Heart is sensitive to that demand."



Seminar:

"be the first on your block to have a riot"











"complete student involvement in the search for self-fulfillment"









No one person

has all the

answers















They set out together to find the answers







It is an exciting quest





The main characteristic of such a program is that it's inter-disciplinary







Billy Graham





"Keep your mind open for the free flow of ideas Listen well, see the truth, and have the courage to abide by it."

ORIENTATION



Orientation Committee: Pat Bradley, Chairman, Pat Buckley, Sally Brunelle, Dianne Bialkowski, Sharon Chiocca, Mary Ann Coman, Tracy Colgan, Patty Capone, Carol Derryberry, Joan Duval, Nancy Daunt, Emily Galliger, Kathy Green, Theresa Hefferman, Rose Hatem, Cindy Jackson, Mary Kearns, Carey Kaine, Linda Koelle, Michele Menville, Phyllis McDonald, Debby McBride, Maureen McDermott, Maureen Mcelver, Jane Medica, Ivy Nolen, Gina O'Neil, Carol Owen, Linda Ryan, Peggy Stewart, ScooterWildy, Karen Webster.

ORIENTATION was the beginning. At first, the collage was just a sea of new, nameless faces. These faces are confused faces, just as yours was one or two years ago.

These faces are searching faces—seeking new friends, new ideas and that old comfortable feeling of "Belonging." These faces are eager faces—eager to discover just what S.H.C. has to offer.

The Orientation Committee was the "glue" supporting each new member and it became the binding force making the whole intact. Realizing the identity between each new member with them, they stood out as bold as the four letter word LOVE.



This collage will never be completed. Not so long as there is room to expand and grow, and there are people who care enough to see that it does. The work does not stop even after the last of the new faces has found where it belongs, or after time causes the first of the old faces to fade out of the picture. This collage shall go on and on—as long as the spirit of both old and new prevail.

HIGH RISING FRESHMEN—

Reach For Their Goal



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS:

Patty Gentle - President Michele d'Epagnier - Vice President Jenifer Meehan - Social Secretary Margie Mele - Treasurer Kathy Hawkins - Secretary Debbie Ryan - Day Student Representative





Anna Rinker





Estelle Abadia



Candace Allen



Michele Anselmo



Regina Arena



Elizabeth Arnold



Lucia Baltodano



Bonnie Bowden



Barbara Bradley



Caroline Breary



Cathy Brooks



Andrea Brown



Mary Brugger







Sarah Burris



Melanie Bussard



Ann Carbone



Freshman class sponsor, Sr. Pauline



Valerie Carolan



Corina Carta



Adele Caulfield



Kathy Colman



Edith Colla



Patricia Conlan



Carolyn Convey



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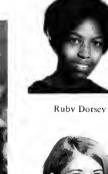
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Sandra Dener





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Mary Farace



Barbara Fuller



Marilyn Fuller



Kathy Gallagher



Cindy Gardner



Sue Garvey



lrene Gary



Patti Gentle



Theresa George



Paula Glod



Theresa Godwin



Nancy Graybeal



Cecilia Grose



Carmelita Gumataotao



Susan Hall



Sherill Harbin



Georgia Lee Harrington



Jackie Harvey



Evelyn Haveron





"Please forward my mail to McAuley"





Susan Jones



Dolores Kelleher



Cathy Hawkins



Norma Hernandez



Priscilla Higgens



Carolyn Hiker



Anne Hodgson



Mary Hozlheimer



Susan Hug



Kenora Hutton



Pat lves



Frances Jennings





Pat Johnson



Anne Jones



"Project Lookout"



Kathy Jordon

Karen Kelly



Estelle Jurado



Priscilla Kendricks



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Kathy Kier



Theresa Kolanko



Joyce Koons



Karen Kopecke



Barbara Kuhn



Karen Kuhn



"P.E. Class"





Maureen Lemnah



Deborah Lindenschmiot



Suzanne Link



Maryedna Lockfan



Lavra Lezupone



Helen Lynch



Nancy Mac Donald



Mary Magee



Mary Alice Markham



Adele Marks



Margarita Martin



Laurie McCoy





Jan McFadyen



Paula McFarland



Eileen McGinty



Kathy McKiernan



Peggy McKiever



Jennifer Meehan



Margie Mele





Freshmen-Sophomore Field Day



Guibel Mendez



Jane Morper



Agnes Moir



Patricia Mullaney



Mada Neugent



Pam Nichols



Sandy Nivens



Nancy Nolan



Misty Nunn



Sharon O'Neil



Ronnie O'Reagan



Kathy Ornburn



Judy Overbeck



Adrienne Paolillo



Beth Parker



Mary Paxton



Student-Faculty Tea



Karen Peterson



Mary Philips



Sister Ritamary





Elizabeth Pursley



Pat Rafferty



Maria Ramere



Cindy Reardon



Gerardine Reich





"Sisters"



Sandy Reynolds



Debby Ryne



Marie Ribinsky



Susan Rice



Maria Rinaldi



Anna Rinker



Elaine Robertson



Shirley Rodgers



Glenda Rollins



Pam Schoultz



Ann Selfridge







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FIRE DRILL!



Angela Sorrell



Carol Stearns



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Joyce Stewart



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Sandra Storey



Kathy Stowe



Grace Tassone



Anne Thrun



Joanne Tirone



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Sandy Vallee









Jessical Herman



Pat Voelker



Jo Marie Volk



Margaret Walsh



Mary Ann Wanner



Dorothy Webb



Sarah Whitner



Meredith Williams



Paulette Williams



Regina Wilson



Cindy Wood



Valery Wrenn



Christine Zwart



Mrs. Ella Stirewalt



Virginia Hozlheimer







Anne (Editor)



Sylvia (Assistant Editor)



Sr. Mary Joan (Advisor)

Those behind the book . . .



Debbie (alias, "the camera")



Emily (Business)



The first yearbook meeting



BUSINESS: Cathy Dunbar, Kathy Ornburn, Judy Overbeck, Dolores Kelleher, Pat Easley, Barb Kuhn, Martha Bock, Eileen Kerrigan.

Yearbook work is all-year-round work. It takes your Saturday mornings, your Thursday afternoons, and your Sunday evenings. But one day, it's ready to go to press. It is as perfect as we could make it.



PHOTOGRAPHY: Kathy Wildey, J. J. Johnson, Regina Wilson, Norma Hermandz, Ellen Burris.

Staff



Grace, Anna, and Buffy on the freshman section; Debbie Rhyne on Transportation.

LAYOUT AND GENERAL WORK: Bonnie Langston, Lynn Gardel, Lynda Ryan, Cathy Cummings, Maureen McCune, Dotty Keefe, Nancy Anne Scartozzi, Rose Saik, Marrianne Cowman.



Editor & Advisor



Pram's main purpose is to foster a better understanding between the Americas through a cultural and student exchange.

Pram

OFFICERS

Trish Mullaney (Public Relations) Mary Harris (Coordinator) Debbie Delp (Vice-President) Pat McClements (President) Marguerita Martin (Treasurer) Ginny Erts (Secretary) Mr. Ralph Christian (Advisor)



MEMBERS: Irma Abadia, Guibiel Mendez, Ginger Holzheimer, Lydia Logomasino, Marguerita Martin, Deborah Delp, Patricia McClements, Virginia Erts, Patricia Mullaney, Mary Harris

Protestant Youth Fellowship



PURPOSE: This organization works towards better interfaith relations.

MEMBERS: Nancy Graybeal Susan Spencer Elizabeth Arnold Joan Downing Judy Cumbia Buffic Parker







Linda Ryan Debbie Delp (Photographer)



The Beat's objective is to act as a means of communication among the faculty, students, and administration; to register the pulse of SHC, and to excite the college itself to listen to that pulse.

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Abbey Cheerleaders . . .



Patty Johnson, Jackie Harvey, Sandy Reynolds, Valerie Wrenn, Sylvia Jenkins, Jinx Kaufman, Janc Johnson, Cathy Crates, Cathy Coleman, Carol Small.

Collegiates . . .



Marge Pons, President; Denise Collela, Choreography; Rita Romeo, Treasurer; Rosie Hatem, Record Librarian; Ronnie O'Reagan, Recording Secretary; Mary Pat Morrow, Corresponding Secretary; Eileen Kerrigan, Vice-President. Others: Eileen O'Regan, Mary Rafferty, Pat Lane, Francine Kelly, Peggy McKiever, Kathy Dunbar, Anna Marie Hodgson, Judy Overbeck, Lynn Grenier, Sally Brunelle, Kathy Curry, Paula Womack, Kerry Jo Middleton. Manager-Lucy Kline.



W R A

WRA OFFICERS: Peggy Stewart, Recording Secretary; Maureen McDermott, President; Barbara Bliley, Vice-President; Pat Buckley, Treasurer; J. Koons, Frosh Representative; Theresa Hefferman, Corresponding Secretary; and Sue Keenan, Soph. Representative.



The Women's Recreational Association of SHC strives for a better spirit of the students through the means of sports. The WRA offers a wide selection of sports to participate in this year and has had wide response, as is obvious from the above picture.

"Those who lead us..."



President: Pat Bradley Vice-President: Michelle Menville Secretary: Sharon Chiocea Treasurer: Ivy Nolen Social Chairman: Kathy Wildey STUDENT

GOVERNMENT

Kathy Green, Cheryl Stone, and Valerie Wrenn

Young Republicans

OFFICERS: Rich Marchatelli-Chairman Valerie Wrenn-Co-chairman John Fracchia - Vice-Chairman Sam Gage—Treasurer Tony Giordano—Executive Secretary John Hickey-Corresponding Secretary Kathy Green-Corresponding Secretary

MEMBERS: Jackie Mann Cheryl Stone Kathy Crates Barb Bradley Gay Hoffmeyer Ed Schiller John Zenin

Lorraine Klar Mimi Kirby Sue Keenen Jim Egan Bob Marshall Paul Hayden

The aim of the mergered Belmont-Abbey-Sacred Heart Young Republicans is to promote an active participation in politics on both campuses.





International Relations Association

Chi Rho

The Chi Rho Society is organized to promote a better understanding of the basic principles of Christianity for its members through discussions.



MEMBERS: Jo Fusco, Maureen McDermott, Bridgette McCarthy, Diane Bialkowski, Carol Owen, Elizabeth Arden, Valerie Wrenn, Sister Rita Mary, Maureen McCune, Anne Mayer, Mary Harris, Miss Gabrys.



"Sing out!"

The Young Christian Liturgists

are
the
catalysts
in
active participation
in the
New
Liturgy

MEMBERS:

Bridgette McCarthy Dianne Bialkowski Joan Duval Adele Caulfield Anne Mayer

Through this, they hope to spread the word, encourage interest, and show love to every individual on campus.



Literary Discussion Club



Members:
Sharon Coss
Tina Tichenor
Connie Keene
Susan Spencer
Peggy Byrd
Kathy Connelly
Krissy Bowling
Cindy Urciola
Michelle Menville
Sponsor: Mrs. June Mullen

The Literary Discussion Group meets on a casual basis to talk over the works selected by the members and are generally by contemporary writers. Each of the members benefits through the sharing of ideas in these open discussions.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary tries to bring Christ to others through imitation of His Mother with an unending effort to serve them.

MEMBERS: Diane English, Jane Medica, Joan Duval, Sharon Mann, Pat McClements, Diane Bialkowski, Carol Owen, Sr. Jean Baptiste, Sponsor.



Young Democrats



MEMBERS:

Michelle Duane, President Peggy Stewart, Vice-President Wandra Edens, Secretary-Treasurer

Karen Kuhn, Mary Alice Markham, Adele Marks, Anne Marie Hodgson, Marge Pons, Stephanie Ryan, Ann Troublefield, Sharon Mann, Sharon Chiocca, Kathy Kelly, Mickie Anselmo, Linda Fuller, and Karen Webster.

Order of Diana



OBJECTIVES:

Participation in the various local, district and national conventions, working jointly with the club at the Abbey, they hope to establish recognition and to assist at the polls. Democratic leaders may feel free to call upon the club for help in their campaigns. Presently, members are working on party histories, public relations, and coordinating committees.

In November, SHC was represented in Boston by Michelle Duane at the College Young Dem's Clubs of America. She was the sole delegate from this state at the affair.

OFFICERS:

Mary Rafferty-Vice President Marilyn Dugan-Treasurer Kathy Kiu-Social Chairman Diana McAndrews-Secretary Chris O'Neal-President

PLIDPOSE

The purpose of the Order of Diana is to act as an organized group with the Brothers of Theta-Beta Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, therefore, any activity undertaken by this organization should be in conjunction with the one said Brotherhood.



Punch & Judy Show



Festival in Charlotte



Speech Class



THE MASQUERS: Joan Downing, Flipper McAndrew, Nikki Brown, Tommy Scartozzi, Ion, Maria Passinanti, Liz Holt, Marrianne Cowman.



"For Heaven's Sake"



Tennessee Williams Feb. 9, 10 & 11th

Sylvia Jenkins, Linda Ryan, Kathy Kelly, Patsy Con-



Fine Arts Festival

DRAMA



B. Michael Wood Department Head

THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTIONS: For Heavens Sake—Helen Kromer Tennessee Williams' One-Acts The Crucible—Arthur Miller



Linda Ryan President



Joan Downing Secretary



*Nikki Brown Vice-President

* Nikki Brown was succeeded by Liz Holt during the Second Semester as Vice-Presi-





Make-up room at Winston-Salem



Cecilis Falls-Assistant Director

"For Heaven's Sake!"

The Drama Department went on the road this year to perform for Churches of all denominations this satire-comedy on "how things are today." When the cast and crew had completed the tour, they had performed for an audience of three thousand.



produced in 1967







Art Appreciation Class



Miss Chang



Art Class



Ceramics Class

ART



Reception for Joan Gregory

"I insist . . . that at every level of learning there must be an equal concern for history, for letters, and the arts, and for

4/20/63



Caroline Breary Secretary



Rose Saik President



Martha Bock Vice-President



SACRED HEART COLLEGE

Fine Arts Festival: April 1-30

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

Evelyn Crochet, Pianist: April 4, 8:00 P.M. Belmont High School Auditorium

OUTDOOR FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Sacred Heart College and the local community

Art Exhibits and Folk Singing

The Front Campus: October 21



Looking forward to a cultural evening.



The natural effect of beauty in art, in music, and poetry is to raise us up, without any sensation of effort to a higher level of reality.



Philip Huston
Actor and Lecturer
Classical Cameos: a program featuring Shakespeare, Shaw and Frost.

What counts in playing piano is mind. Spivak lists playing requirements this way: "Mind and intelligence and work — will to play. Also what you have inside — spirit and sensitiveness."



Dr. Wing-Tsit Chan Lecturer "Dominant Themes of Chinese Thought" "Confucianism in Mainland China Today"



Dr. Norman St. John-Stevas Author, barrister, lecturer "Art, Morality and Censorship"

"The Atlantic Community and the Common Market-Conflict in the West"

Sophomore English . . .









All Sophomore English students took English Literature under Mrs. Mullen the first semester. During second semester, both English and American Literature were offered, the latter being taught by the team of Miss V. Gabrys, Mrs. June Mullen, Sr. Anne, Mr. W. Moody, and Mr. G. Buck.

Newly-Elected Student Gov't Officers



Pat Bradley President

Dedicated to their school and friends, these girls have been elected to next year's Student Government in hopes of achieving the highest potential for Sacred Heart.



Kathy Dunbar Social Chairman



Debbie Rhyne Treasurer

1968— 1969



Mary Ann Coman

Bonnie Langston Vice President



L. to R. - Theresa Heffernan, Kathy Green, Mary Pat Morrow - Queen, Emily Gallagher, Scooter Wildey.



 $L. \ to \ R. - Mary \ Lockjaw, \ Annette \ George, \ Michele \ d'Epagnier - Maid \ of \ Honor, \ Judy \ Overbeck, \ Trish \ Mullaney,$



Golden Jubilarians-1969: Mother M. Maura, Sister M. Hildegarde, Sister M. Agatha, Sister M. Anastasia



Mother M. Maura and a dear friend, Miss Luci Taylor



Stopping at Honolulu while en route to Guam-1947

"...how apparently undemandingly
She moves among us; and yet
Lives make and unmake themselves in her neighborhood
As nowhere else. There are many people I could name
Who would have been remarkably otherwise
Except for her divine non-interference.

However,

She has a touching way of backing one up against eternity Until he hardly has the nerve to remain mortal."

- Christopher Morley





First Guam Visitation-1947





Mother M. Maura, R. S. M.



Directress of Sacred Heart Academy 1949



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mother Maura has always been closely connected with Sacred Heart—as teacher, Directress and prefect, except during her terms as Mother Superior of the Sisters of Mercy in Belmont from 1942 to 1948 and again from 1951 to 1957. She was elected Mother Vicar and First Councilor of the Sisters of Mercy in 1966. We are Privileged to have Mother Maura as French Professor in College this year.



Teacher, counselor, friend



MUSIC

A \$25,000 grant has made this department potentially one of the best at Sacred Heart College. Under the able direction of Sister M. Cecilia, and all of those employed in its promotion, it should go far.

Modern equipment is being purchased; a nine foot Baldwin Concert Studio Grand for the teachers' studios, an Electronic piano laboratory, orchestral instruments, a mobile Sound System, many additional records, tapes, audio-visual equipment, books and a new Baldwin organ.

At present, courses in Music History, Theory, piano, voice, organ, Harmony 1 and II, Music Appreciation, and Music in the Elementary Schools are offered.

Mary is a musician to the finger tips. It is a pleasure to learn from her conscientious and talented instructor, Sister Virginia.



Sister Rose Sharon practices faithfully.





God respects us when we pray, But He loves us when we sing.



Mr. Kennedy presents keyboard technique to his class.





Karen McReynolds-First-year Music student.



Sister M. Cecilia is the head of the progressive Music Department at Sacred Heart College.







Adele Cauldfield-one of Sister M. Cecilia's faithful secretaries.



Mrs. Hicks-Voice Instructor Carolyn Coll develops a God-Given talent



Busy hands work out the exercise in theory





Maria reaches high C



Listening lab.







Sister Virginia demonstrates the trombone.



Caught in passing view of the practice room.

DIAMOND JUBILEE Sixty wonderful years in God's Service as a Professed Sister of Mercy

Everyone is impressed by her dignity and poise
Her presence in a room is immediately felt
Her courage is vividly displayed in her oft
repeated remark, "With God's help it can be done".
She radiates strength and kind inspiration.
She is quick to praise but slow to blame.
No problem is ever too big—no conversation
too deep, no social gathering too stilted to
hide the gaiety expressed by her Irish wit and the twinkle
in her eyes.

We are all grateful that we can hear the music of her voice, feel the strength of her handshake and receive the benediction of her, "God bless you."



Mother M. Raphael Doyle
Mother Superior of
The Sisters of Mercy
1928-1934
1936-1942
First President of
Sacred Heart Junior College

Doyle Hall is named for Mother M. Raphael Doyle and Sister M. Angela Doyle

TOMORROW...



"CONTINUOUS INNOVATION, RENEWAL, AND REBIRTH"

- John W. Gardner

TOMORROW...



"CONTINUOUS INNOVATION, RENEWAL, AND REHIRTH"

- John W. Girdner





A wonderful and inspiring affair



Mrs. Harold Sumner is telling Bishop Waters about her former classmate, Sister M. Michel, who is heavily involved in the development of Sacred Heart College. Bishop Waters, in his speech which soon followed, presented Sister M. Stephen with \$10,000 to be used for the Teaching of Theology in the year 1968-1969.

Leadership Conference . . .





We were proud of Pat Bradley, our Student Government President, as she addressed the Leadership Conference.

On behalf of the students Pat welcomed the distinguished guests. "I am very thrilled and pleased to see so many of you here this evening."

Sister M. Stephen, Sister M. Michel, Mr. M. G. O'Neil, President of General Tire and Rubber Company, keynote speaker at the Leadership Conference on February 15th.

Mr. Peter Verna, Jr., President of Concrete Material and Supply Company, of Charlotte and Chairman of the Board of Lay Advisors of Sacred Heart College, is General Chairman of Development at the college.



The beginning is the most important part of the work.

—Plato





Col. William A Poverome, Resident Engineer



A New Building

Is Being
Erected
Next To
Doyle.

John J. Henry

Director of Development

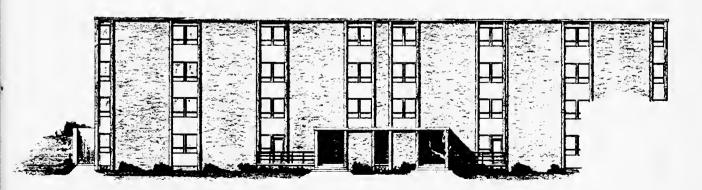
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Sacred Heart College



Sister M. Stephen, R. S. M., President of Sacred Heart College, announced the appointment of Mr. John J. Henry as Director of Development early in the summer of 1967. In this newly created post, Mr. Henry is responsible for the long range development plans for Sacred Heart

College besides directing Capitol Fund Drives and coordinating public relations activities. He is a graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. and past president of the Georgetown Alumni Association.



Construction began this year . . .



Sacred Heart College Is Ever Mindful Of The Unchanging Role And Responsibility



Of Women

Throughout all its history and the changing facets of its progress, the college has ever been mindful of the unchanging role and responsibility of women—the Bible says, "Who shall find the valiant woman? Far and from the outermost coasts is the worth of her." She may take a man's place in business, in politics, in the classroom and in the picket line; however, she is very much more than that. She is the teacher, the wife, the mother, the transmitter of culture, religion, integrity, and above all she is the heart and spirit of the home. Sacred Heart in her education has always been mindful of this.

Physically, Sacred Heart has grown from a small frame farm house to a complex of buildings. A period of rapid expansion began in the early 60's. During the past three years a 300 bed residence hall and a library which will house 70,000 volumes were built.

Sacred Heart College, like all church-related colleges, is

actively engaged in a study and evaluation of its objectives, its curriculum and its future in higher education as a Christian college for women. The college is dedicated to bringing into focus the ideals and the specific needs of the new generation of teachers and students.

Among the problems to be solved are burgeoning enrollments, increased budgets, the need for academic and residential facilities, and the decline in the number of religious teachers. Throughout the world one notes the restlessness of students, the questing for responsibility, the questioning of existing norms. Just as the world sees the Church as the result of Vatican II engaged in a searching examination of itself and its mission in relation to the contemporary world, so too Sacred Heart College must re-assess and re-examine, so that it may proceed to an orderly growth and development. The growth must have purpose and the expansion must have a well defined plan.

SISTER M. STEPHEN



Sally Brunelle - Treas.



Carey Caine President

Sophomore Class Officers



Briget McCarthey-Sec.



Bonnie Langston-V.P.



Maureen McIver - Social Chairman

This year's sophomores will comprise the FIRST JUNIOR CLASS



Cheryl Ann Adams



Patricia Ann Barry



Marie Elaine Beyer



Dianne Bialkowski



Ann Genevieve Billi



Barbara Grace Bliley



Patricia E. Bliley



Martha Ann Bock



Pam Bourne



Kristine Bowling



Patricia Bradley



Sarah Elizabeth Bradley



Caroline Breary



Julia Mary Brown

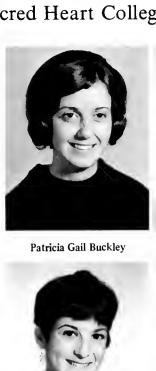


Sally Ann Burnelle



Barbara Bruno

of Sacred Heart College. 1968-1969





Catherine Theresa Bulger



Rosemarie Butler



Margaret Louise Byrd



Patricia Ann Capone



Denise Marie Colella



Tracy M. Colgan



Carolyn Eymard Coll



O'Dell Mary Collard



Mary Ann Coman



Kathleen Marie Connelly



Gail Nance Cook



Sharon Ann Coss



Teresa Kaye Cox



Kathleen M. Crates



Judith Ann Cumbia



Kathleen Ellen Curry



Sandra Elaine Daner



Deborah M. Delp



Carol Derryberry



Joan Lilian Downing



Michele Rose Duane



Joan Theresa Duval



Jane Harrison Edwards



Virginia Erts



Judith Theresa Fairless



Pam Fires



Linda Marie Fuller



Josephine Assunte Fusco



Lynne Ann Gardell



Martha Ann Geraci



Patricia Grumbach



Geraldine Gunter



Sister Mary Carmelita Hagan



Mary Jeanette Harris



Phyllis Heasley



Tina Elaine Hawks



Mary Teresa Heffernon



Brenda Gay Hoffmeyer



Carol Ann Holland



Elizabeth Ann Holt



Regina McIntosh Hovis



Alexis Anne Jackson



Sybil Amelia Jenkins



Sylia Brendell Jenkins



Bernadette Johnson



Stella Louise Johnson



Theodosa Christine Johnson



Carey Jeanne Kaine



Mary Josephine Kearns



Dorothy Patricia Keefe



Susanne M. Keenan



Connie Kathleen Keene



Kathleen Claire Kelly



Maureen Theresa Kennedy



Kathleen Marie Kierce



Mary Eileen King



Jacquiine Salyer Kirby



Lucie Ann Kline



Linda Carlton Koelle



Catherine Koncul



Lydia Marie Lagomasino



Jane Lange



Bonnie Louise Langston



Meriwether Lewis



Janice Sharon Linebeiger



Patricia Ann McClements



Mary Jacqueline Mann



Susan Lee Martin



Anne Louise Mayer



Renee Diana McAndrew



Mary Deborah McBride



Ina Bridget McCarthy



Tnellia Bertha McCoury



Maureen Evelyn McCune



Barbara Ann McDanieł



Maureen McDermott



Diane Elizabeth McNerney



Karen Ann McReynolds



Jane Marguerite Medica



Michele Teresa Menville



Jane Anne Morper



Kathleen Elizabeth Morton



Linda Christine Mountcastle



Eileen Katherine Mullen



lvy Nolen



Margaret Rose O'Connor



Christine Anne O'Neil



Eileen Marie O'Regan



Carol Owen



Sister Agnes Palacios



Maria Josephine Passanante



Sandra Leigh Patillo



Priscilla King Peele



Sharon Ann Pfiester



Ruthie Planter



Malinda Katherine Posey



Margaret Owens Powers



Paula Pritchard



Evelyn Jimenez Rabano



Mary Elizabeth Rafferty



Mary Anne Roarty



Karen Osborn Robinson



Rita Louise Romeo



Linda Lee Ryan



Rose Marie Saik



Nancy Ann Scartozzi



Nancy Maria Sera-Fernandez



Maureen France Simmons



Susan Malinda Spencer



Cheryl Elaine Stone



Barbara Jean Thiel



Ann Troublefield



Delores C. Ureiolo



Grace O'Connell Vaughn



Nancy E. Vestpoint



Maryann Vitkus



Margaret Walsh



Karen Marie Webster



Katherine Ann Wheeler



Elizabeth Willis



Alice Faye Wright



Gilda Pope



Patsy Conlon



Mary Witzig

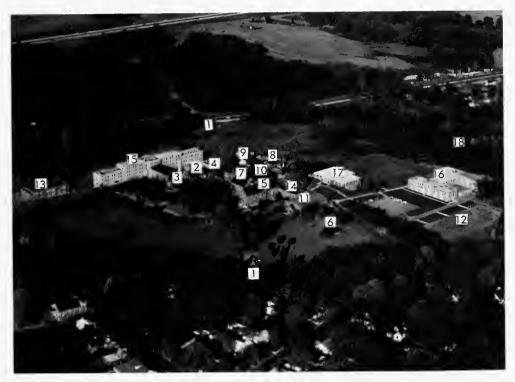


Mary Alice Yanch

DIAMOND JUBILEE SACRED HEART in RETROSPECT

The endeavor of the annual staff was to give the main sweep of history from the beginning to the present time which finds us facing the widening horizons of 1968. A complete history did not seem to fit in with the concept of an annual. As we review it we realize how many people who have had a profound influence in bringing us to the present stage of development have not been presented.

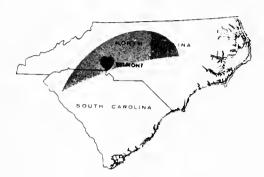
Therefore, at the risk of omitting someone, we are attempting to acquaint you with more of the history which is our heritage and thus to "pass on the torch to a new generation" of Sacred Heart Alumnae.



EXPANSION THROUGH THE YEARS AT SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SACRED HEART JUNIOR COLLEGE AND SACRED HEART ACADEMY

Growth and Development of the plant at Sacred Heart College are shown in the photograph with its accompanying legend: 1. Entrances. 2. Convent and Novitiate (1899). 3. Sisters' and Students' Chapel (1899). 4. Kitchen and Dining Rooms (1899 and 1928). 5. Victory Hall, Residence Hall, Music Department, Auditorium, and Art Rooms (1922). 6. Pavillion (1922). 7. Administration Building (1928). 8. Laundry Department (1928). 9. Holy Angels' Day Nursery (1928 and 1960). 10. Home Economics Building (1950). 11. Alumnae Hall (Gym) (1950). 12. Tennis Courts (1954). 13. Sacred Heart Academy – Model School (1957). 14. McAuley Hall (1957). 15. Motherhouse of Sisters of Mercy (1962). 16. Doyle Residence Hall (1965). 17. McCarthy Library (1965). 18. New Dormitory to be completed in August, 1968.

BELMONT. . . 1938



"IN THE HEART OF THE PIEDMONT CRESCENT"

BELMONT

Old and stately houses shaded by large trees grace many of Belmont's streets. In other sections, attractive new homes with good landscaping and colorful flower borders beautify the town. The grounds around industrial and commercial buildings also enhance the beauty of the town. Mr. R. L. Stowe, Sr., in his Early History of Belmont and Gaston County, says "I do not think there were twenty-five people living in Belmont when I came here in 1889."

The Chronicle Mill started operation on February 28, 1902. This was the first mill in Belmont. Today Gaston County, where it is located, is one of the greatest textile regions of the world. Belmont is known all over the world because of this and other reasons. A Belmont citizen tells us that it was the custom in the Army in World War II to give the name of the largest neighboring town when one was asked about his home. According to form, one of his buddies, also from Belmont, said, "I'm from Charlotte." Imagine his surprise at the rejoiner — "Oh yes, that's near Belmont." It turned out that he had a friend who went to school in Belmont. Sacred Heart College has Alumnae all over the world as a look at the Alumnae list will show.

Along with its growth into one of the leading textile regions of the world has come the development into the center of Culture and learning due to the presence of the schools and colleges located there.



COLLEGE

Belmont is the home of Belmont Abbey College, a four-year college rich in history dating back to 1876. The record enrollment, reached in September, is 682 students. Sacred Heart College graduates its first Senior Class in 1970. Enrollment for 1967-68 is approximately 400. These two colleges add much to the cultural life of the community.





"What is the use of so many high mountains and glaciers in this earth? Some people might perhaps come to the conclusion that it would be much more profitable if all these vast mountainous areas were nice fertile plains. But they would be forgetting that without these high peaks, all the plains and valleys would be as barren as the Sahara. For it is the mountains that give the earth its fertility, by means of the rivers which they serve as reservoirs."

"In the same way it can be said that all men of prayer are in a way rivers of Paradise. Not only do they draw down from Heaven, upon the earth, by their prayers and sacrifices, the living waters of grace, and deflect or mitigate the chastisements which the world deserves, but ascending even to the height of Heaven, they draw from the Heart of Him in whom the inner life of God resides, the floods of that very life, and distribute it in great abundance upon souls. 'You shall draw waters out of the Saviors fountains.' Called to give forth the Word of God, they do so with such an eloquence of which they alone possess the secret. They speak to the earth of Heaven. They bring light, warmth, consolation, and strength."

THE SOUL OF THE APOSTOLATE

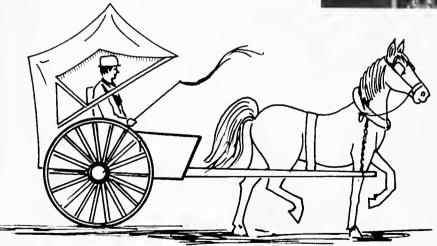
Dom J. B. Chautard, O.C.R.



Abbot Vincent Taylor, O.S.B.

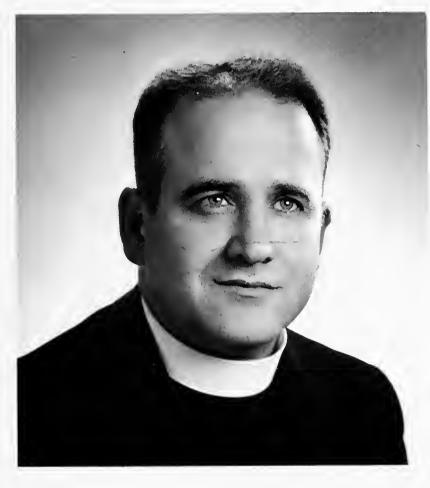
The middle section of old St. Leo's was built in 1892 for the Taylor family. Mrs. Taylor had three children. Misses Mary and Lucy Taylor, now of Greensboro, and a son who was later to become Abbot Vincent Taylor of Belmont Abbey. Mrs. Taylor moved here for the sake of her son's health. The climate proved to be very beneficial for him because he attended Belmont Abbey College, entered the Novitiate in 1897 and was ordained in 1902. After serving as pastor of St. Leo's Church in Greensboro for 22 years he was made Abbot of Belmont Abbey on August 20, 1925. Abbot Vincent Taylor died on November 5, 1959 at the age of 82. He was well known and loved throughout the South where he lent his support and talents to furthering the cause of Christ. The Abbot epitomized the "Southern gentleman" in the best sense of the expression. Aware that grace builds on nature, he insisted that his monks display the social graces almost as much as he inculcated in them the monastic virtues. Gentle and kindly, he not only endeared himself to his spiritual children; he was widely known and admired by ecclesiastics and lay persons, Catholic and non-Catholic, throughout the Southeast. His wide range of interests at once put people at their ease with him, and his quiet dignity and personal charm made him outstanding in any gathering.





Abbot Taylor was a young man about 15 years old when his family moved to Belmont. Miss Pearl Lineberger tells of seeing him drive the family carriage in Belmont in the "gay nineties."

Abbot Walter Coggin, O.S.B., Abbot Ordinary of Belmont Abbey



A holy Abbot A dedicated priest

"We look to the priest before and above all to give us God, especially in the powers which he alone has of absolution and consecration.

Priests are bearers of the timeless word, givers of the Bread of life, representatives of the Eternal among us, ambassadors of the Absolute."

from The Priest

Dialogues of Paul VI

with Jean Guitton



Rev. Raphael Arthur, O.S.B. Dedicated Priest — Southern Gentleman Those who were his students will never forget his classes.



As rector and Vice-President of Belmont Abbey College, Rev. Cuthbert E. Allen was one of the youngest college heads in the U.S. Enthusastic and interested in the progress of his institution, Father Cuthbert did much to develop it into a four-year college.

He also had time to give valuable assistance to Sacred Heart College. He was instrumental in helping to line up association in the 1930's.

Father Cuthbert, Father Anselm, and Sister M. Stanslaus instructed the First of the Gradatim (which means "step by step") in 1933. The Gradatim first appeared with a light cover. There were five graduates at Sacred Heart that year.



Rev. Bernard Rosswog, O.S.B. Scholar, advisor, friend



Rev. Sebastian Doris, O.S.B.

At a recent reunion a former student remarked, "I was happy that Father Sebastian could come down to say Mass for us and take breakfast afterwards. Father Sebastian was a most understanding religion teacher but most of all he represented the spiritual for us. He said Mass each day, talked to us and counselled us. As I look back, I now realize how very much he inspired me as I was growing up. I owe my vocation as a Sister of Mercy to Him in the providence of God.



Rev. Anselm Biggs, O.S.B. Chaplain of Sacred Heart College and Convent for a number of years.



Rev. Thomas Oestrich, O.S.B. Ecclesiastical Superior of Sisters of Mercy



Reverend James E. Keenan, Pastor of Queen of the Apostles Church from 1962 to 1966 with two of our Alumnae, Misses Cecilia and Frances Coletta of Burnsville, North Carolina. Father Keenan, in 1968, has just gone to Viet Nam as a Chaplain in the service of the United States Government.



Rev. Michael McInerney, O.S.B., with Mr. Earl Whitton. Churches. schools, hospitals, orphanages and other parish and institutional buildings throughout the South and other parts of the country have spread the fame of the Reverend Michael McInerney, O.S.B., noted priest-architect of Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N.C. . For all buildings on Sacred Heart Campus except Mercedes Hall, Father Michael was the architect or associate architect and consultant. Mr. Earl Whitton, Founder of Southeastern Construction Company and former President is now serving as Chairman of the Board of Southeastern. Southeastern has erected every building on the Sacred Heart Campus (with the exception of the first Convent — now known as Mercedes Hall.)



Rev. Felix Hinte Meyer, O.S.B. First Ecclesiastical Superior

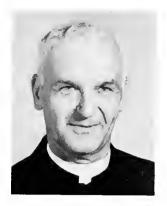


Bishop McLaughlin—Auxiliary Bishop of Raleigh
Bishop McLaughlin has a manly piety, and devotion to his duty as
shepherd of his flock. An exceptional capacity as an administrator
characterize Bishop McLaughlin, as well as a devotion to Catholic education, and in the youth apostolate. His great interest in vocations has
won him the office of Diocesan Vocation Director.



Rev. Martin E. Hayes, O.S.B., is chaplain for the Sisters of Mercy of Belmont. In these post-Vatical 11 days he often con-celebrates with Father James at our Community Mass Celebrations.

In the sermons Father Martin gives, his charged capsules can carry one a long way. One is always aware that God is the source of the peace and joy which he radiates.



Rev. Charles Kastner O.S.B. Died May 27, 1959



We'll miss you Friend; we'll miss you Though sweet the summer's tread In midst of bloom and blossom, They tell us that you're dead. . . The children sorrow-laden. Are dazed, and wonder why; Of all the friends they ever had, They didn't think you'd die. In vain the bus awaits you, You priest's hands on the wheel, Your wish for all to greet you, You smile to cheer and heal... Now never in the morning Around the altar fair The sunbeams vie to make you A halo for your hair; Your whispered word's unspoken Above the chalice gold: And tiny hearts are broken As sorrow's tale is told. For lo, the earth has taken Your dust--the Southern sod. Your noble Soul has wafted Aloft to meet your God: But when the school bus travels Along the winding ways, The youngest child will think on The happy, HAPPY days When Father Charles drove the bus, And knew each child by name; And when the drive was over Would join in any game... And we, the olders listen To hear his stem once more, Or have his shadow darken Our open welcoming door; But mostly do we miss him When hosts are lifted high And suddenly remember That even priests must die. . . O Father, Friend and Loved Onc, Pipe Piper of our time, One thing indeed is certain: You do not need our rhyme. But you'll remember, won't you. (Though we can't fathom how) From your new point of vantage We all are children now? And when the day is weary, Devoid of joy and mirth, O, lend a helping hand and say, "I KNEW THEM ONCE - ON EARTH." -Sister M. Kevin, RSM





Taken early in 1966

SISTERS OF MERCY

New and Old Habits

The new and the former habits of the Sisters of Mercy are shown here by Sister Jeanne Marie, Directress of Novices (center) who models the new simpler dress and headpiece adopted by the I35-year old Order of the Sisters of Mercy. Mother M. Benignus, Mother General, wears the traditional habit which has been little changed since the Community was founded. Sister M, Fidelis (left) wears the traditional dress of a Nursing Sister.

Sisters of Mercy Belmont, North Carolina



The Religious Habit
Reflects the Vocation of
A Sister of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy in Belmont, North Carolina are wearing a simplified habit these days. After a period of trial the Community will decide upon the exact details to be adopted for the habit.

Mother Mary Benignus, Mother General of the Sisters of Mercy says, "When we entered the Novitiate we were clothed with a religious habit, a symbol of our inner dedication to the love and service of God and man. This habit is dear to us because of its association with Mother McAuley and the Mercy tradition. Today, in loving unity with the mind of the Church, we are receiving another habit, one that is intended to show our love and service to our contemporary world."

The new habit takes into account the Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of the Religious Life of the Second Vatican Council which states that "the Religious habit, an outward mark of consecration to God should be simple and modest, poor and at the same time becoming. In addition, it must meet the requirements of health and be suited to the circumstances of time and place and to the needs of the ministry involved."

The Sisters of Mercy, while recognizing that adaptation is essential to our times, have tried not to lose sight of basic religious ideals, nor of the spirit and purpose of their Foundress, Mother Catherine McAuley, in the establishment of the Institution of the Sisters of Mercy in 1831.

The Religious habit is a constant reminder to the Sister and to all who come in contact with her that she is dedicated to God's service. This inspires her to the exercise of "humility, obedience, courage, and chastity. Through these virtues the Religious shares spiritually in Christ's self-surrender and in His life." as stated in the Decree on Appropriate Renewal in Christian life.

Many new fields have been opened up for major efforts by the women's congregations in this age of Renewal. Among them are adult education, inner city work, and work among college students in campus Newman Clubs. This presents a tremendous challenge to them. According to a statement drawn up by the recent conference of Major Superiors "Women who go into religious life today must have a greater understanding and committment than ever before because of standards created by the recent Vatical Council."

Directresses and Deans



1897-98 Sister M. Agatha with the students on the Sacred Heart Campus.



Sister M. Cecilia



Sister M. Genevieve

Sister M. DeSales - Photo unavailable



Sister M. Angela Doyle Doyle Residence is named for Sister M. Angela. She helped to found the Junior College in 1937.



Sister M. Helen McCarthy
The Helen McCarthy Library is a magnificent building, comprehensive in scope and a fitting monument to the self-sacrifice, dedication, and effort for the ideals of Sacred Heart College. Sister Helen was librarian for many years at Sacred Heart.



Sister M. Stanislaus Power
Many Sisters owe their vocation to the inspiration
of Sister Stanislaus. She was a friend and guide to
young and old.



Sister M. Columba Barrett Characterized by gracious Irish charm, Sister Columba could always put one at ease. Joy is characteristic of her.



Sister M. Hildegarde Lindenmayer
Prudence, wisdom and tact are characteristics of Sister M. Hildegarde. She is a lover of history.



Sister M, Immaculata Dulohery
A lover of books, music and travel, A veritable reservoir of beauty Sister Immaculata leads others to appreciate God's beautiful world.
Prudence is one of her many virtues.



Mother M. Maura Bucheit Young and Old count Mother Maura as their friend.



Sister M. Christine Beck
A challenging instructor and a delightful friend,

Sister Michele has made history for Sacred Heart



Sister M. Michele and Danny Thomas, April 22, 1961.



Campaign workers for Ice Capades, December 13, 1962.

Sister Mary Michelle Is & Great Phomoter

Sister Mary Michelle of Sacred Heart Junny College at Belmont could promote an outdoor swimming contest at the North Pole and have the stands packed Her ability as a top - notch promuter carries over from her days at Concord High School where she was an ace hasketball player

Last year she filled Overs Auditorium for an appearance by Danny Thomas and to year she prometed the first night of the tee apades at he Coliscum. All of this led Toy. Brennan of S ady Ports Rein predict 'You'd better have a ticker when you get to the Pearly Gates becouse Sister Mory will be there taking C113 117:

Victim Of A Miracle

Nun Had Help Lassoing Danny

Comedian Danny Thomas, who will give a two-hour show in Ovens Auditorium April 22, didn't want to

come to Char-lotte.

He had no choice He was the vietim of a mir-

Now hopes to raise

that performance to help huild a conther facilities for the Sisters of Mercy at Sacred Heart, Belmont.

The story is largely that of the tatth of Sister Mary Mi-chelle of Belmont who, like Thomas, is Lebanese.

But it sees hack many years to a night when Thomas became miracle prone.

The lunnyman - singer who could never gut a break was despernte the night he walked into a church and prayed before St. Jude, Saint of The Impossibles.

He prayed for what seemed impossible — success as a shownan — and if this should come he would build a shring.

showman — and it this should come he would build a shrine to the memory of St. Jude. Success cane. At the top, Thomas did not forget. He was proceeding with plans for a memorial when a priest urged him to build instead a memorial of service to the living.

Thomas organized ALSAC, which means "Aid to Leu-kemfa Stricken American Children." It also means bildren." It also means American Lebanese Syrian Association of Charities."

The result is St. Jude's Hos-

The result is St. Jude's Hospital, Meniphis, Tenn., a \$5 million research and treatment facility for incurably ill and indigent children.

His tircless efforts in this mammith project, other charlies and television and night club work produced the situation that made his Charlotte appearance impossible.

How did Sister Mary Michelle meet him?

"I met Mike Tamer, b is manager, who is also from the hid country, at an ALSAC meeting in Goldshoro over a year ago," she said. "He made the mistake of snying, "Il I can ever do anything for you."

e er do anything for you. ."
The Sisters for a long time

Observer Cholo by Kays Gary Sister Mary Michelle

had fought an uphill battle in attempts to raise money for seriously needed renovations of the academy, plus a convent for 150 Sisters of Mercy there and working at other missions in the state.

In July, 1960. Sister Mary Michelle saw that Thomas was to be in Allanta and, with Sisters Julia and Mary Frances, she headed south.

They found Tanier at a hotel, fenced him in with a promise of an audience with Thomas and caught him as he emerged from a press conference and got into an elevator.

"I'm afraid he had no choice but to ask us to his suite," re-calls Sister Mary Micbelle, with a smile.

Nersously, he asked the little nuns what they wanted "When we tidd him he said he was sorry, but he couldn't. He was very nice but he said his schedule was runnus, that we didn't realize how many such requests he had to turn due."

"And I told him be didn't realize how much we were counting on his acceptance, how hard the sisters in Charlotte and Belmont and Asheville and Atlanta were pray-

Thomas sat... listening but looking around the room. His eye caught Sisters Julia and Mary Frances sitting on a couch. They had drawn out their rosaries and were praying

hard.
That's when he said he did have a vacation in April, it he finished his TV filming in Hollywood on time. If they could get a place for the show on April 22 he might.
"But it would be practically impossible," he said. "It would take a miracle. See if you can get a place, anyway."

get a place, anyway."
That's all Sister Mary Mich-

clie needed. She hired Ovens Auditorium. A novema was negur at Sacred Hearl. This is a period of a special prnyer for a special thing This one began Sept. 20, to continue on each Tues-day for nine weeks with all sisters and students participat-

Advised by wire that the audi-Advised by wire that the audi-trium had been bired. Thomas still stalled. He felt it would create camplications in pres-sure to finish his TV filming work on time.

"We're having a novena," Sister told him. "All the chil-dren are praying, too,"

brany Thomas accepted on the second day of the novena. Miracles don't worry Sister Mary Michelle. She expects another — to fill Ovens Auditorium's 2500 seals with people who donate \$25 or more to the huilding fund. No promoter would care to tackle such a challenge. The sisters have

A new novena for success of the venture is under way.



"Service and Inspiration" is Motto Sacred Heart Alumnae



Mr. Tom Browne, member of Advisory Board of Sacred Heart College; Mrs. Tom Browne (Ann Connell Browne); friend of Miss Rebecca Queen; and Miss Rebecca Queen.



At the annual Alumnae supper in 1967-Miss Judy Ponder of Gastonia; Sister M. Immaculate, Mrs. Ethel Furlong Williamson; Sister M. Corneille; Mrs. Ann Barentine Brown; Mrs. Catherine Gardner; & Sister M. Virginia. taken



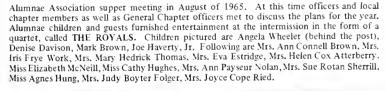
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Crowley (Jane McClancy) and their lovely family taken in Spartanburg, Christmas, 1962.

Many Sacred Heart Alumnae are mothers of families. In this role each of them molds a new generation and transmits our heritage of Faith and culture. As a modern woman in society our graduates have also assumed a greater responsibility and involvement in her widening world. We are proud to know that Sacred Heart is represented in professional and civic circles by her many Alumnae.



Participants in Family Life Panel Discussion for Sacred Heart Students.

Shown above are Mr. Robert L. Potter, an outstanding young lawyer of Charlotte (husband of Kathleen Neilson Potter): Cathy Martin, member of the class of '59 at Sacred Heart: Mrs. Thomas Baugh, Gastonia Alumnae member and Civic leader; Sister M. Annella, Head of the Sociology Department of Belmont Abbey Collège and a member of the Alumnae Committee of Sacred Heart Collège.







Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Mathews, parents of two Sacred Heart Alumnae: and Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Hodge (Betty Harwell). This photo was taken before the marriage of the latter couple.



Mrs. P. M. Silvan visits with her former classmate, Sister M. Stephen.



Mr. and Mrs. John J. Quinn (Christina York Quinn) talk with our President.



Sister M. Annette, Mrs. Martha Ann Nolen, Miss Rose Marie Ramone.



Mrs. J. P. Smith (Amy Holland Smith), one of the first two Junior College Graduates is well known to Alumnae because of her association with the Alumnae Office in the early days of its operation as well as because of her constant and enthusiastic support of Alumnae endeavors.



Alumnae Gymnasium is a monument to Alumnae who worked hard to make it a reality. This useful building is a constant reminder of Alumnae support because it is used every day many times and for varied activities.



Miss Cecilia Coletta, Sister M. Michel, Miss Jackie Shroeder.



At an annual Alumnac Meeting: those included in photo above are Mrs. Robert Potter (Kathleen Neilson Potter), Mrs. James R. Ausman (Martha O'Neil Ausman), Mrs. Sam Miller (Elizabeth Sanford Miller). These are at the front, left to right.



Annual Alumnae Card Party Benefit for a Scholarship to be awarded to a local girl. This project is in its 13th year. Sacred Heart Alumnae are very proud of the subsequent achievements of her Alumnae Scholarship Winners through the years.

Committee on the Card Party Arrangements: Miss Alice Heim, Mrs. Chuck Muller (Frances England Muller), Miss Rose Marie Hagley, Miss Elizabeth Ford, Miss Catherine Ford, Mrs. Kenneth Tate (Jackie Horton Tate), Mrs. Marge Hunter (Marge Horton), Mrs. Joe Haverty (Iris Jones Haverty), Mrs. Tom Browne (Ann Connell Browne). Standing Miss Hagley Bonhouron and Mrs. William. Bonhouran (Patricia Hagler)





In Momoriam

MARY R. TAYLOR

WE PAY TRIBUTE TO

Secut Lady

February 22, 1965

HER APPEARANCE ARRESTED YOUR GAZE the instant you crossed the office threshold. Her face, softly framed by a wealth of silvery hair, bore a tranquil and spiritual expression. It was a face both sensitive and alert, with patrician qualities that might have belonged to some noblewoman in a Gainsborough portrait. The fluency with which she conversed (with new friend or old) bespoke complete self-assurance, rare insight, depth of human understanding—and a penchant for subtle humor.

It was our privilege and especial pleasure about sixteen years ago, as a journeyman member of the fourth estate, to have been granted the opportunity for an interview. You found her office with a southern exposure on the eleventh floor of a "skyscraper" anchored in the red clay soil of Piedmont North Carolina. In a voice blending resonance with the gracious refinement of an earlier day in the South, she perhaps would have asked your opinion of the view from her lofty windows.

For Jefferson Standard's Mary R. Taylor was, herself, particularly fond of sightseeing. Through the years—in her busy role as a successful life insurance executive, and as Editor of The Jeffersonian from its inception in 1913—she had enjoyed her many visits to our agencies in cities from coast to coast.

"Why, on my last trip to New Orleans," she might have confided, "I not only took a sightseeing trip, but I went to a movie, too!"

There would have been nothing remarkable about this except that Mary R. Taylor, at the time you might have been chatting with her, had been blind for much of her adult life.

Less than a year ago, in May, 1964, Alden C. Palmer, Chairman of the Board of The Research & Review Service of America, and former Insurance Commissioner of the State of Indiana, wrote the following:

"The most remarkable woman I ever knew lost her eyesight when she was secretary to the President of a life insurance company. It seemed the end of the world for her.

"Yet this blind woman became the liaison officer between the Field and the Home Office. She knew by name each of the hundreds of agents—knew their wives' and children's names. She sent birthday and get-well cards. She wrote inspiring and encouraging letters. She was a benefactress to all, myself included.

"As a secretary, this woman would have been a fine success. As a blind official, she became an immortal inspiration in the memories and in the hearts of thousands."

These words, of course, could have referred only to Jefferson Standard's own "Miss Mary," as she was affectionately known for so many years to members of the Home Office staff and hundreds of our men and women in the field, throughout her lifetime of dedicated service and loyal friendship to Jeffersonians everywhere, many no longer among our ranks and many with us yet.

With her passing from this life in the early hours of Monday, Fehruary 22, 1965, we read and read again those clear words of truth—written by Alden Palmer, her great and good friend, during the last year that Mary R. Taylor was with us here on earth... Truly, she continues to live as "an immortal inspiration in the memories and in the hearts of thousands!"

The light of day had dimmed, then flickered out, for Miss Mary long ago. Yet she became Agency Relations Director for one of America's leading life insurance companies. Surely, she was one of the most remarkable businesswomen to be found anywhere.

Well over half a century ago—as an eager, starched, shirt-waisted young woman—she began her long career with a budding life insurance company on a bright summer morning in the then very small city of Greensboro, North Carolina. Her eyesight at that time was quite perfect, thank you. On her way to work that first morning, the handsome Gibson girl had gloried in the sunlight, the flowers and greenery along the town's shaded Elm Street.

She could appreciate also the whimsical smile of the dynamic man who had hired her as his secretary. He was the late Julian Price, then Secretary and Agency Manager of the new little insurance firm. (Eventually, he was to serve as President of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company from 1919 until January 28, 1946, and then as Chairman of the Board until his death in October of that year.)

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THE JEFFERSONIAN

Mary Taylor was shown that first morning to a small rough kitchen table type of desk and a rickety chair. She was given a battered typewriter and a new stenographer's notebook and told to "go to it."

"My first three months were on a trial basis," she later recalled. "The table I used for a desk looked to be in the process of collapsing and, should that have happened, the chair seemed more than willing to make it unanimous."

Having survived her three months' trial, she achieved the grandiose salary of \$30 a month—a figure that was maintained for several years. Hours were long and the amount of detail work involved in launching a new life insurance company was tremendous. It was not unusual to work twelve hours a day. Mrs. Price used to refer to her husband and Miss Mary as "the pick and shovel team."

In 1912 her company and two other firms were merged as Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. Miss Mary handled all the dictation and paper work during the weeks of preparation for the merger. She also became editor of her Company's Field Force magazine, The Jeffersonian, sending the first issue to the press in 1913.

Eyestrain suffered during this period of her career caused her to go to an oculist for glasses. In the course of the examination, drops were put into her eyes—drops from a bottle which, it was learned too late, was not as marked. At sometime during 1915 the lights had begun to fade and fade. Mary Taylor struggled on at her work, but anguish and despair clutched at her heart. She feared that soon she would be blind. Then, in 1922, came the traumatic experience—she had entered a bewildering world of total darkness.

She had been sitting at home just a few days, seemingly lost, helpless and without hope, when the telephone rang. A familiar voice crackled brusquely through the receiver of the old-fashioned wall-type instrument: "Mary, this is Julian Price. Why aren't you down here at work? I need you as quick as you can get here!"

If Mary Taylor's fingers trembled as she returned the telephone receiver to its hook, it was with the excitement of hope—hope and new determination born of the belief that she was still needed, blind or not. With the helping hands of her family, she got ready for work in a matter of minutes, and had herself driven to the office.

So Mary Taylor went back to her desk. The Company magazine, The Jeffersonian, never lost its continuity. Singlehandedly, she got out the very next issue after her loss of sight, just as ably as she had edited all the previous issues. Reorientation was difficult. But continuing encouragement from Julian Price and "the blessings of a good brother, sister and mother, and prayer and Providence" sustained her. Spiritual strength gave her the patience and perseverance to adjust to her new limitations, and eventually to surmount them.

"It is truly amazing what the human spirit is able to adapt itself to through faith, patience and courage," Miss Mary said in later years. One quality more than any other brought her through that period of anguish and despair. "It was faith," she said simply. "An unswerving belief in God and the infallibility of His Divine will."

She had to find new ways of doing many things. But groping fingers told her that the keyboard of her typewriter had not changed. Touch typing enabled her still to transmit to paper the thoughts and inspiration of an alert, fruitful mind. (Poetic expression was among her gifts, exercised particularly in earlier years of her career, and one of her poems apears on our masthead page in this issue.) The Company owned two faithful old Oliver typewriters, of a vintage long predating the standard keyboard.

and these two ancient machines were kept alternating between Miss Mary's desk and the repair line. Until the last day that she came to the office, she never dictated her editorials and articles, her messages to the Field Force, or any of her veritable flood of correspondence. It was unnecessary for her secretary to know shorthand; and as for the printer's proofs, she went over them by ear while her secretary read.

She rejected the idea of dictating her thoughts with this emphatic declaration: "I think something vital and intimate would be lost by the use of an intermediary."

Miss Mary was a native of Norfolk, Va., and recalled that in her childhood home "we were all brought up on good books and good music." Indispensable were the services fondly performed by her sister, Miss Lucie Taylor, who survives. She helped Miss Mary get off to the office each morning, and accompanied her on the plane to conventions, regional meetings and on other business trips throughout our Company territory. A particularly warm and touching relationship existed between the sisters and their brother, the late Most Reverend Vincent George Taylor, who was pastor of St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church in Greensboro for twenty years and later was Chancellor of Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N. C., and an Abbot of the Benedictine Order. Abbot Taylor died in 1959.

Frequently interviewed by representatives of the press, Miss Mary invariably preferred to talk about her work than about herself. Her life had become an inseparable thread in the story of Jefferson Standard's growth and progress, from a small local operation to an institution of national prominence in the life insurance field. In 1938 she was made Agency Secretary, and in that same year was on a list of the ten most outstanding business and professional women in North Carolina, selected by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

In 1951, she hecame Agency Relations Director, and in 1955 a resolution was adopted by Jefferson Standard's Board of Directors honoring her for fifty years of service in the life insurance business. In the same year, she was awarded honorary membership in the Greensboro Altrusa Club. In 1958, her portrait was presented to the Company by Branch Office Managers and members of the Field Force as a highlight of Jefferson Standard's 50th Anniversary Convention at Hollywood Beach, Fla.

Beloved by all in our great sales organization which she herself so often referred to as "the World's Greatest Field Force," Miss Mary wished never to retire—"There is so much yet to be done." Her record of service to the life insurance business covered a span of more than fifty-five years when, effective February 1, 1962, she reached her own decision to withdraw from active service. The regret with which that decision was received by Jeffersonians everywhere was followed last month by the great sadness and loss felt by all when we learned of her passing.

Rosary was recited February 22 at the Murray-Carter Chapel, Greensboro. Low requiem mass was celebrated February 23 at St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church by Msgr. Hugh Dolan, followed hy interment at Belmont Abbey Cemetery, Belmont, N. C.

Let us recall together the closing words of a magnificent letter to the Field written by this great lady when she withdrew from active service a little over three years ago:

I feel I cannot say "Good-bye" nor "Aa Revoir"—the finality seems too sharp. "Auf Wiederschen," I think, is better suited. As you know, it means "Till we meet again," for meet again I hope we may, I shall always be, with real affection and gratitude, your interested and devoted friend, "Miss Mary."

*We reprint

This account of an outstanding Alumna here because of the wonderful things she accomplished in her life.

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 $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{EMINISCENT}}$ of old world Gothic architecture, the new convent and chapel at Sacred Heart College, Belmont, N. C., is impressive in its majestic dignity.



Attending the Bishop are: Abbot Walter Coggin, O.S.B.; Rev. Michael Begley; Rev. T. J. Hoban of St. Vincent de Paul Rectory, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Anselm Biggs, O.S.B.; Rev. Michael McInerney, O.S.B. and a number of students and friends.

December 8, 1960 became a Red Letter Day for all at Sacred Heart, when ground was broken on the North Campus, for the new Mother House of the Sisters of Mercy. Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh, presided at the afternoon ceremony.



This building which houses our faculty really opened the way for subsequent rapid developments of the past few years.



Cardinal Gibbons Chapel in the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy at Belmont, North Carolina. The Powerhouse at Sacred Heart Convent.



Bishop Waters blessing the chapel.

First General Chapter—Sisters of Mercy of Belmont, North Carolina



BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT—Sister M, Bernard, Sister M. Thomas. Sister M, Louise, Sister M, Agatha, Sister M, Paul, Sister M, Stephen, Sister M, Cecilia, Sister M, Michel. SECOND ROW: Sister M, Concepta, Sister M, Rosalind, Sister M, Immaculata, Sister M, Irene, Sister Marie Gioretti, Sister M, Hildegarde, Sister M, Brigid, Sister M, Lawrence, Sister M, Christine. THIRD ROW: Sister Mary Peter, Mother M, Raphael, Mother M, James, Mother M, Benignus, Mother Gener, Sister M, Helen,

Sister M. Regis, Sister M. Roberta, Sister M. Redempta, Sister M. Benedict. FOURTH ROW: Sister Jeanne Marie, Sister M. de Chantal, Sister M. Regina, Mother M. Maura, Mother M. Raymond, Sister M. David, Sister M. Mark, Sister M. Dennis. FRONT ROW: Sister M. Xavier, Sister M. Patrick, Sister M. Concilia, Sister M. Theophane, Sister M. Celestine, Sister M. John, Sister M. Matthew.



GENERAL COUNCIL

On Sunday, June 19, 1966, the specially elected delegates of the Sisters of Mercy assembled for the election of their Mother General and her council. Those elected are: (Front Row) Mother Mary Benignus, Mother General, (Center) Mother Mary Maura, First Councilor (Right); Sister Mary Immaculata, Second Councilor (Left). Second Row (Left to Right) Sister Mary de Chantal, Third Councilor; Sister Mary Christine, Fourth Councilor; Sister Mary Michel, Treasurer General.

Sister Marie Gioretti Secretary General

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Through The Years

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SISTER M. AUGUSTINE KENT 1869 – 1882 1885 – 1894

Sister M. Augustine Kent was a pioneer Sister of Our Lady of Mercy in Belmont. She was distinguished by gentleness, kindness, prudence and tact. She was born in Cork, Ireland. With her twin sister she came over with Bishop England to the infant foundation of Our Lady of Mercy in Charleston, South Carolina.

Only those who lived through those early days in that "City by the Sea" knew the trials and privations of that time. During the war between the States, those days that tried men's souls, she was ever ready in orphanage, classroom and hospital to perform the great "opus Dei". Ehen Cardinal Gibbons, then vicar apostolic of North Carolina, asked and obtained from the superior in Charleston Sisters for a foundation in North Carolina, Sister M. Augustine was appointed superior of the little band.

Sister Augustine died on August 15, 1901.



SISTER MARY CHARLES 1882 – 1885

Sister Mary Charles was another of the pioneer Sisters from Charleston, South Carolina. She was born in the city of Cork, Ireland. In 1869 she helped to transplant the blessings of her religious institution from South Carolina to the "Old North State." Here she spent the remainder of her life.

Sister Mary Charles had a great love of history and we must thank her for complete records of the early days of the Sisters of Mercy in North Carolina. Reading her graphic account, one can easily imagine oneself in the role of a pioneer Sister. She knew the trials of every missionary priest in his weary travels from the mountains to the sea.

Sister Mary Charles, a woman of strong character, had literary and artistic talents. After a busy days work she would walk up and down on the dirt paths of the campus while she prayed and watched the sun set in the beautiful Western sky.

Sister Mary Charles died on March 4, 1910.

^{*} No photo available

SISTER M. TERESA 1893 – 1914

Sister Mary Teresa was the personification of wisdom, a teacher of teachers, and she left behind an undying tradition of kindliness and understanding. Because of her executive ability she was chosen again and again to lead the Sisters of Mercy as their Mother Superior.

The holy influence of her beautiful character extended itself into every walk of life. Simple in manner, gracious of address of scholarly attainments, the charm of her sincerity entered into the lives of many making them better men and nobler women.



SISTER M. CECILIA 1914 – 1919

Sister M. Cecilia having gone into a Catholic Church to see the flowers one Easter was much impressed by the beauty of the surroundings. She studied the Catholic Faith, embraced it and finally became a Sister of Mercy. Sister Cecilia was very versatile. Music and Art were among her talents. She was very kind and gracious. Young people loved her.



SISTER M. SCHOLASTICA KEENAN 1919 – 1922

In the early days of our community when Catholicity was little known and there was great prejudice against the Faith, Sister M. Scholastica showed great understanding of others. Most of her Religious life was spent around Asheville, N. C. At that time the Sisters of Mercy had a tubercular Sanatorium and Sister Scholastica was stationed there.

Sister Scholastica was characterized by a rugged sincerity and was loved and esteemed by young and old.



SISTER MARY BRIDE McGRATH

1922 - 1928

1934 - 1936

One person said, "Sister Mary Bride was one of the most beautiful women who ever entered Sacred Heart Convent." In her old age she still retained a beauty and charm of which she was completely unconscious. This photo which seems to be the only one available shows the secret of her loveliness — faith in God and trust in prayer.

Sister Mary Bride and Sister M. Raphael were in the first class of student nurses at Mercy Hospital. Besides their personal service and dedication as nurses these two Religious planned, solicited funds and fostered the growth of Mercy Hospital and led to its development.

SISTER M. RAPHAEL DOYLE

1928 - 1934

1936 - 1942

Sister M. Raphael Doyle has earned the gratitude and loyalty of all of the Sisters of Mercy because of her deep spirituality, her ability to inspire others with noble ideals, and challenge them to action.

A woman of faith and prayer, Mother M. Raphael also has many practical gifts. Mercy Hospital in Charlotte is a monument to her vision and foresight. While Superior of the Sisters of Mercy at Belmont she together with Sister M. Angela worked to make Sacred Heart College a reality.



SISTER MARY MAURA

1942 - 1948

1951 - 1957

Our golden Jubilarian of 1968, Mother Maura, has been stationed at Sacred Heart College most of her Religious life. Her special field of Education is the French language. Mother Maura is an Alumna of the Catholic University of America. We have given you a pictorial history of Mother Maura's interesting life elsewhere in the Gradatim.





SISTER M. IMMACULATA DULOHERY 1948 – 1951

Sister M. Immaculata was unable to serve for a very long period of time due to a critical illness which she encountered during her term of office. However, few have had more influence in the Mercy Community. Sister Immaculata has been a member of the Community Council since 1966.

She influences others by leading them to see God every day and all day in a very beautiful way. Sister Immaculata radiates goodness, peace and joy.

SISTER MARY JAMES 1963 – 1966

Sister Mary James is a great person-farsighted, straightforward, noble and magnanimous. Of her we may say, "Some men succeed by what they know; some by what they do and a few by what they are." As Mother Superior Sister Mary James used her drive and organization to draw up the Constitutions which were subsequently approved.

For several years in her early days Sister Mary James was supervisor of various departments in Mercy Hospital. She is a Graduate of Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C. In 1948 she was transferred to Saint Joseph Hospital in Asheville, N. C. where she was Administrator until elected Reverend Mother. At the present time she is assistant Administrator at Saint Joseph Hospital.

Modern habits date from 1966.





MOTHER M. BENIGNUS 1948 – 63 First Mother General 1966

Mother Mary Benignus is a warm person. Although she is very astute and possesses excellent business sense, she never takes herself too seriously. Whoever speaks to her—Dignitary, Sister, or little child—always receives the impression "Here is a warm human person. She loves me."

To Reverend Mother Mary Benignus belongs the credit for appreciating the need of a new Mother-house and of initiating plans for this which were carried through to completion in 1962.

Mother Mary Benignus is a true daughter of Mother McAuley. She has a great interest in all the missionary activities of the Sisters of Mercy and envisions great things for the future of the Community of Belmont.









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